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## GERMANS PREPARING FOR ANOTHER STRONG OFFENSIVE

**VON MACKENSEN'S ARMY IS BEING STRONGLY REINFORCED AND IS EXPECTED TO RENEW OPERATIONS—LIVELY FIGHTING REPORTED ON EAST PRUSSIAN FRONT.**

Paris Says Germans are Making Another Effort to Capture Fortress of Verdun is Indicated by German Activity in Woëvre Region—Paris Also Claims Allies Have Gained Another Two Hundred Yards in Dardanelles—Fleet of French Aeroplanes Today Bombarded Railroad Junction Which Supplied German Lines in Galonne and Forest Apremont, Causing Many Fires There—Berlin has Press Dispatches from Bukovina, that Russia is Fortifying her Roumanian Border, Using Thousands of Men Digging Trenches Parallel with the Border and Building Barbed Wire Entanglements—Roumanians said to be Preparing to Enter War on Side of Germany and Austria as Result of Austria's Pledge to Give Roumania Russian Province of Bessarabia, Which Borders Roumania on East.

London, July 13.—Signs of renewed activity by the Teutonic allies are reported on the eastern front.

Petrograd reports lively fighting on the East Prussian front, also north of Warsaw. Petrograd also reports that von Mackensen's army has been strongly reinforced and will soon renew its operations.

Paris observers interpret the German heavy assaults in Woëvre region as a new effort to capture the fortress of Verdun by a new direction.

Paris has a report that the allies have gained another two hundred yards in the Dardanelles.

### French Aeroplane Attack

Paris, July 13.—Thirty-five French aeroplanes today bombarded the railroad junction which supplies the German lines in Galonne and the forest of Apremont. There are big stores of ammunition there. The aeroplanes dropped 171 bombs, which started several fires. All of the aeroplanes returned safely, despite the heavy cannonade.

### Roumania to Teutonic Allies

Berlin, July 13.—The Tageblatt correspondent wires from Bukovina that the Russians are fortifying their Roumanian border. Many thousand men are now digging trenches parallel with the border and building barbed wire entanglements. It is reported that this is because Austria has pledged herself to give Roumania the Russian province of Bessarabia, provided Roumania will join the war on Austria's side. Bessarabia borders Roumania's eastern frontier.

### Thousands of Munition Makers.

London, July 13.—From what appeared to be a lull on the western front has sprung suddenly some of the most severe fighting in months with the Germans as aggressors and victors.

The Souchez cemetery, seven miles north of Arras and hardly half that distance southwest of Lens, has been wrested from the French after a German gas attack, followed by hand-to-hand fighting with bomb and bayonet. The French admit this loss and are fighting to regain the German position which they had won at such heavy cost.

Slowly the French have been tightening their grip on the village of Souchez until the Germans, aware that the capture of the entire position would be an important step in the French offensive toward Lens and Lille, launched a terrific counter stroke, which left them masters of the shattered burial ground, with more than 150 prisoners in their hand. Fighting among the houses which fringe the western edge of the town still rages. There also has been a renewal of activity in other areas of France and Belgium, but nothing comparable to the strategic importance of the Souchez struggle. The Germans lay claim to the destruction of the British position on Hill 60, near Ypres, but this finds no confirmation from either French or British sources.

The situation in Poland and Galicia has not yet reached a crisis, but the public is rather weary of following the complexities of the Russian retreatment and so long as Warsaw appears to be in no immediate danger, is turning to the west, hazarding guesses as to whether the British and

French or the German will be the first to take the general offensive. With the arrival of midsummer this is a big question, for it is felt that one side or the other must strike before long; otherwise another winter of tedious trench warfare is inevitable.

The destruction of the German cruiser Koenigsberg in East Africa was learned with surprise, the fact that she had taken refuge there having been forgotten by the general public.

The Italian attacks against Austria seem to be gaining in intensity, but the Vienna official statement admits no loss of ground.

Ninety thousand men have reported for duty as munitions workers in England. This result was attained in about two weeks by the minister of munitions, whose 600 bureaux have been in operation for the enrollment of skilled labor. Registration is to continue, for many more men are required to supply the forces at the front.

### Three Billions Subscribed

London, July 13.—The British government has decided to apply the munitions of war act to stop the New South Wales coal strike. The government also announces that the subscriptions to the war loan total about three billion dollars.

## DAMAGE TO BUILDING IS ADJUSTED

**ADJUSTERS AND TWO COMMISSIONERS AGREED UPON TERMS LAST NIGHT. REPAIRING TO BE BEGUN IMMEDIATELY.**

After several days spent in looking over the damaged third ward school building by the insurance adjuster and the appraisers appointed by the school board to make a settlement, they finally agreed upon the terms of settlement last night, and the matter was finally ratified at a meeting of the school board this morning.

The damages awarded the school board by the inspector, Mr. Kenyon, for the insurance company, and Messrs Byrne and Taliaferro for the city, was \$4,500.

The work of repairing the building will begin at once and will be ready for occupancy by the time school is ready to convene in September.

At the meeting of the school board this morning, after the action of the referees was ratified, Mr. J. Hugh Piles of Ada, was elected as manual training teacher, and Miss Mattie Claire Gano, grade teacher.

For the benefit of the patrons of the schools, it was decided to have the contractors who are to do the repair work on the building make a detailed statement as to the condition of the building in regard to its safety, etc. This statement will be issued in a few days.

All ladies are invited to be at the meeting at Labor Hall tonight.

## B. AND P. O. ELKS OFFICERS SUBMIT REPORTS

Los Angeles, July 13.—The Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks is in a flourishing condition both as to finances and membership, according to reports submitted today at the annual session of the grand lodge of the order.

Fred C. Robison, grand secretary; Charles A. White, grand treasurer; the board of grand trustees, and the committee on auditing made their reports.

During the year ending April 1, 1915, forty-three thousand and eighty-five new members were admitted to the order, bringing the total membership to 442,658. There were 16,228 members dropped from the rolls; 232 expelled; 7,843 limited, and there were 4,701 deaths. Thus the net increase in membership was 14,081. Ten new lodges were added bringing the total to 1,326.

There is a surplus of \$694,547 in the treasury of the grand lodge, while subordinate lodges have net assets of \$26,515,739.

## MANY IDLE MEN APPLY FOR JOBS

**AND SOME WERE PUT TO WORK ON THE FEDERAL BUILDING SITE THIS MORNING—CONTRACTOR GALT BEGINS.**

When the whistles of the city announced that it was work time this morning, the streets and sidewalks near the federal building site were lined with men who were looking for a job. Several were put to work and many more will be, in the morning, when Contractor Galt begins excavating for the foundation. The number out for employment this morning shows that there are several idle men in the city, and as the contractors announce that they will employ local labor as far as possible, there will be many who have been out of work for some time given employment.

The building of this new post office will put quite a bit of money into circulation here this season, which will aid materially the business life of the city.

## SHERIFFS CAPTURE CHOC-TAW BEER

**ONE HUNDRED AND FOUR QUART BOTTLES TAKEN AT ROAD HOUSE SOUTHWEST OF THE CITY BY DEPUTIES.**

This morning deputy sheriffs Jake Williams and Bill Brooks raided an alleged road house that they heard was flourishing southwest of the city about three miles and succeeded in capturing one hundred and four quarts of the beverage known as Choc-taw beer.

They confiscated the goods and took into custody the alleged proprietor and two who appeared to the officers to be assistants, and brought them to the city. The beer was turned over to the sheriff's office and stored, and will be destroyed, the alleged proprietor was required to make bond for his appearance later, in the sum of \$500, which he made.

## SELLS CLOSES CATTLE DEAL MILLION DOLLAR HERDS

San Angelo, Texas, July 12.—Cato Sells, commissioner of Indian affairs, is said to have closed contracts here today for the purchase of West Texas cattle amounting to more than a million dollars. Mr. Sells looked over several large herds in this and the Sonora country. The cattle are for Indian reservations.

## WILSON WORKS ON GERMAN NOTE

**PRESIDENT LIKELY TO REMAIN AT CORNISH, N. H., SEVERAL DAYS.**

## MAKE FIRM REPLY

Washington Officials Believe Relations Between Germany and the United States Are Now More Strained Than Ever Before.

Cornish, N. H., July 13.—After a game of golf today, President Wilson gave directions that he was not to be disturbed, and devoted his attention to a detailed study of the German note.

The indications are that he will remain here for several days.

### More Letters from "Pearce."

New Orleans, La., July 13.—Two more letters, signed "Pearce" the man who claims to be Holt's pal, have been received here today. Today's letters threatened disaster to British horse vessels.

### Relations More Strained.

Washington, July 13.—Consideration of the German reply to the American note on submarine warfare overshadows all else in the work of state department officials.

Secretary Lansing spent most of his time Monday preparing data and opinions for the next communication to Germany, and he indicated that very probably he would not go to Cornish, N. H., but that President Wilson would return here at the end of the week.

The situation was described in official quarters as critical, and there was no concealment of the fact that relations between Germany and the United States had become more strained than at any other time in their history.

High officials said the policy of the American government would be carefully worked out, and that in order to meet the information was given out in order that a delay of possibly a week or more in preparing an answer might not be misinterpreted as meaning the United States intended in any way to recede from the position it had taken in the two notes already sent to Berlin.

There was much informal discussion among officials of the contents of the German reply. The trend of their opinion was that the evasion of the American argument in the German notes had narrowed the field of negotiation so that the next communication from the United States must state to some extent the intentions of the Washington government in case its rights are further violated and declare the position it will take with reference to Germany's refusal to disavow the sinking of the Lusitania.

Something much more specific and positive than has yet been said in the notes which the United States has sent since the submarine war zone was declared is now expected.

Officials gave the impression there would be no further argument on the principles involved; that the note would be very brief and state a general policy which the American government intends to follow with respect to violations that already have occurred or shall take place in the war zone.

### Kicked Off By Germans.

Newport News, Va., July 13.—Four American negro multiteers of the sunken British steamer Armenian arrived here today. They assert that when they were swimming in the water and attempted to board the submarine, which torpedoed them, the German sailors kicked them off.

### GUARDING HOLT'S GRAVE.

Relatives of Holt Employ Night Watchman.

Dallas, Tex., July 13.—The grave of Frank Holt here is guarded by a night watchman. It is believed the family employs him to prevent desecration.

## CAL STEWART OF HOLDER SAYS, CORN NOT MADE

Cal Stewart was here today from his ranch southeast of Ardmore in Love county. His wheat has been cut, but he has done no threshing yet. Mr. Stewart says he lost 100 acres of oats. The straw fell before he could get to it with the binder, and the heads lay so close to the ground that they could not be picked up by the machine. He is utilizing the lost tract as a hog pasture and has a boy herding a big bunch of hogs in the oat field. Mr. Stewart in speaking of the corn crop, says, if no more rain falls, that upland corn will not make a crop. The ears are not matured yet, and another rain will be required to mature the crop.

### Wheat Better Than Expected

Chickasha, Okla., July 12.—Wheat is turning out much better than expected in this county. Yields as high as thirty-six bushels are reported, while the average will be better than twenty bushels to the acre. The quality is good and shows no damage from the recent heavy rains.

## NO CHANGE IN ROCK ISLAND SCHEDULE

**LOCAL OFFICIALS DENY THEY AUTHORIZED ARTICLE APPEARING IN A SUNDAY MORNING PAPER.**

In a Sunday morning paper issued here there was an article purporting to be official, to the effect that some important changes would be inaugurated in the train schedules, effective August 1. It went so far as to give the actual schedule of the trains and other information that was not only new to the citizens generally, but to the officials of the road in particular, who deny ever giving any such information. They further deny that any such change was ever contemplated, and further assert that within the bounds of all human probability, such a change will never be made.

The schedule on the Rock Island will remain as it is at present, and no changes will be made August 1 as stated, or are there any in contemplation after that date.

## TRADES UNIONS EXPECT CROWD AT MEETING

**FANS HAVE BEEN INSTALLED AT LABOR HALL, SO PUBLIC MAY BE COMFORTABLE THROUGHOUT EVENING.**

The committees from the United Trades Council have been busy all day making arrangements for the meeting to be held at Labor Hall tonight.

President Fenton, of the State Federation of Labor, will deliver the principal speech of the evening. Other speakers are Mayor Mullen, Clem Cooper, Mrs. Symond, John F. Easley and Judge Freeman.

An especial effort has been made to secure the interest of the ladies, and all members of the clerks' union have been earnestly requested to be present. This meeting is for not only union people, but the public generally.

### RECORD PRICE FOR WOOL

Wool Buyers Offering Highest Prices in West Virginia, With Big Sales.

Parkersburg, W. Va., July 13.—Wool buyers are offering what is said to be the highest price known in the wool industry of this state. Several thousand pounds was sold yesterday at 31 cents per pound.

## SAFETY RESTS ON DEVELOPMENT

**SECRETARY GARRISON ACCEPTS RESIGNATIONS OF TWO ARMY OFFICERS.**

## TO PRIVATE CONCERNS

Lieutenant Colonel Horney and Major Phillips to Enter Employment of Concerns With Big European Munition Contracts.

Washington, July 13.—On the theory that the safety of this country may rest on adequate development of our commercial gun and ammunition factories, Secretary Garrison announced today that he had decided to accept the resignations of Lieutenant Colonel Horney and Major Phillips of the army ordnance bureau, who have been offered positions with companies holding large European munitions contracts.

### Won't Discuss Personnel.

Washington, July 13.—Secretary of the Navy Daniels, who has secured the services of Thomas A. Edison to help invent means to strengthen the navy, refused today to discuss the probable additional prominent Americans who will constitute the civilian board with Edison. These names include Bell, the inventor of the telephone, Orville Wright, Edison Maxim, Henry Ford and John Hays Hammond, Jr.

### VILLA MAY YIELD COMMAND

In Hope of Bringing Peace in Mexico, May Relinquish Command

El Paso, Texas, July 13.—An unconfirmed rumor says Villa is about to yield command of his forces to General Jose Isabel Robles in order that terms of peace in Mexico may be agreed upon.

## ORIGINATOR OF 'SAFETY FIRST' DIED TODAY

**JOSEPH HOLMES DIED IN COLORADO TODAY A VICTIM OF TUBERCULOSIS, DUE TO OVERWORK.**

Denver, Colorado, July 13.—Joseph A. Holmes, originator of the "Safety First" slogan, died here today of tuberculosis, a victim of overwork.

He was a director of the federal mines bureau, and a widely known geologist. As father of the bureau of mines, he began a campaign of education, which largely reduced the death toll among miners and which originated the "Safety First" slogan.

### Game Warden Brings Suit

Shawnee, Okla., July 12.—George W. Noble, state fish and game warden, has filed suit in the superior court against John Providence and E. L. Estes in the sum of \$8,250, being \$10 per day for 825 days. The defendants are alleged to have maintained a dam in the North Canadian river without having a fish ladder or other means of passage provided. The failure of the owners of the damsite and the proprietors of the dam to comply with the orders of the warden by putting in a fish ladder, caused the institution of the suit.

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WEATHER FORECAST  
New Orleans, La., July 13.—  
The weather forecast for Oklahoma for tonight and Wednesday is generally fair.  
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